

HEPBURN CRUISE 1972





PLANIS HEMISPHERIIS COMPREHESA





"Were Niagra but a cataract of sand, would you travel your thousands of miles to see it? Why did the poor poet of Tennessee, upon suddenly receiving two handfuls of silver, deliberate whether to buy him a coat, which he sadly needed, or invest his money in a pedestrian trip to Rockaway Beach? Why is almost every robust boy with a robust healthy soul in him at some time or other crazy to go to sea? Why upon your first voyage as a passenger, did you yourself feel such a mystical vibration, when first told that you and your ship were now out of sight of land? Why did the old Persians hold the sea holy? Why did the Greeks give it a separate deity, and make him own brother of Jove? Surely all this is not without meaning. And still deeper that meaning of the story of Narcissus, who because he could not grasp the tormenting, mild image he saw in the fountain, plunged into it and was drowned. But that same image, we ourselves see it in all rivers and oceans. It is the image of the ungraspable phantom of life; and this is the key to it all."

MOBY DICK

by

Herman Melville



CRUISE '72

A normal deployment had been scheduled for June 29. Instead instructions to prepare for deployment were received on the evening of May 12, and on the morning of May 17 **HEPBURN** was underway to join Anti-Submarine Warfare Group **THREE**. The group consisted of the **USS TICONDEROGA**, **USS ROBISON**, **USS ENGLAND** and **USS MARVIN E. SHIELDS**.

During the transit to the Western Pacific, **ASWGRU THREE** paused overnight at Pearl Harbor on

May 23, shifted to the operational control of Commander, **SEVENTH Fleet**, on May 30, and spent several hours refueling in Guam on the first of June. On June 5 the group arrived at Subic Bay and **COMDESRON TWENTY-THREE**, Capt. J.M. Neeley, embarked in **HEPBURN**. The task group departed three days later for ASW operations in the South China Sea and returned to Subic Bay on July 3 for a brief upkeep period.

While in port Subic Bay,

HEPBURN was detached from **ASWGRU THREE** and on July 7 **COMDESRON TWENTY-THREE** shifted his pennant ashore. On the 8th of July **HEPBURN** departed Subic to join the ships on the DMZ and provided gunfire support for South Vietnamese forces. She arrived on the gunline July 9 and in the next nine days fired approximately 536 rounds of 5"/54 ammunition. Damage assessments that were received included twenty structures

destroyed and two secondary explosions.

On July 27 the **HEPBURN** was detached from the gunline and assigned to the "South TALOS Station." While there, she assisted in the rescue of a Navy pilot whose plane had been shot down over North Vietnam by refueling, under emergency conditions, the helicopter which eventually performed the recovery.

While **HEPBURN** continued her Search and Rescue duties, on August 7 Commander William C. Manes relieved Commander John W. Sellers as Commanding Officer. On August 9 the ship was relieved on South TALOS and began her transit to Sasebo for upkeep. **HEPBURN** got underway for "Middle SAR Station" on August 21. While there, she encountered ten tons of baled rice, evidently intended for the North Vietnamese, and destroyed it with her gunfire. After five days on Mid SAR the **HEPBURN** was assigned as rescue destroyer working with the **USS MIDWAY**. The **HEPBURN** was again assigned to the Mid SAR Station on September 10 and seven days later was detached and proceeded to Subic Bay for upkeep.

After departing Subic Bay in

company with **USS SARATOGA** on September 28, the **HEPBURN** was assigned gunline duty in the vicinity of Quang Ngai Province. Naval gunfire was the principal defensive weapon available to the South Vietnamese units ashore, and over a period of seven days the **HEPBURN** fired a variety of gunfire support missions. For example, during the period of September 30 to October 1, the ship fired at several North Vietnamese staging areas and troop concentrations in the vicinity of Quang Ngai City. During this period approximately 540 rounds were fired and gun damage assessment included four enemy killed in action, two structures destroyed and four damaged, and two secondary explosions. **HEPBURN** left the area on October 1 to refuel and avoid typhoon Lorna.

Four days later **HEPBURN** was detached from the gunline to join **USS MIDWAY** as mutual support ship until October 12 when she left the Gulf of Tonkin with the **USS MIDWAY** enroute to Subic Bay. **HEPBURN** arrived in Subic Bay October 14 and remained in port until October 22 when she departed for Hong Kong. She arrived in Hong Kong two days later and assumed duty as SOPA (ADMIN) Hong

Kong until the first of November.

On November 2 **HEPBURN** was again underway. The ship arrived on the "North SAR Station" November 4 and continued on this station until November 12 when she joined the **USS SARATOGA** as rescue destroyer.

On the 20th of November the **HEPBURN** was relieved and transited to Subic Bay, arriving the afternoon of the 23rd. After two days in port the ship was again underway, this time to rejoin the destroyers with which she had first journeyed to WESTPAC—**ROBISON**, **ENGLAND**, **MARVIN SHEILDS**. She arrived in Yokosuka on the 29th of November, and the four ships departed for the transit home on the first of December. During **HEPBURN**'s transit home the ship stopped for a brief refueling at Midway Island on December 4, shifted to the operational control of Commander, **FIRST Fleet**, on the 6th of December, and again stopped in Pearl Harbor for fuel on December 9.

On December 15 **HEPBURN** arrived at her home port of Long Beach after a deployment which had lasted two days short of seven months.



COMMANDER JOHN W. SELLERS, U.S. NAVY

Commander John W. Sellers is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1954. He was born April 29, 1932, in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, he reported to **USS TAUSSIG** (DD 746) and served in the Gunnery Department. From May, 1956, to September, 1957, he served as Operations Officer, Staff Commander Destroyer Division 52. Next he served as Officer in Charge, **USS LSM** 455 from October, 1957, to June, 1958. In July, 1958, he reported to the U.S. Naval Mission to Brazil and assumed the billet of Aide and Secretary, serving until June 1960. He attended the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power School at Mare Island, California, from July, 1960, until December, 1960, and the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit at Idaho Falls from January, 1961, until July, 1961. He then attended Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Engineering Officer School at San Diego from July, 1961, to October, 1961. Reporting in November, 1961, to **USS PARSONS** (DD 949), he served as Engineer Officer until November, 1962. His next assignment was as Executive Officer, U.S. Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, West Milton Site, New York, from January, 1963, until June, 1965. Back in San Diego in July, 1965, he served as Executive Officer, **USS WEDDERBURN** (DD684) until December, 1966. In February, 1967, he assumed command of **USS KOINER** (DER 331). In September, 1968, he reported to Commander Anti-submarine Warfare Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as Surface/Sub-surface Training and Evaluation Officer and served until February, 1971. He assumed command of **USS HEPBURN** (DE 1055) in April, 1971.

COMMANDER WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM MANES, U.S. NAVY

Commander Manes first enlisted in the Navy in November, 1950, and attended Radioman Class "A" School in Norfolk, Virginia. He served aboard the **USS ELLYSON** (DMS 19) and achieved the rate of RM3. He graduated from Northwestern University and was commissioned Ensign in June, 1956. His first assignment after commissioning was on board **USS KRETCMER** (DER 329) as First Lieutenant and later as Gunnery Officer. He next served in the **USS CLARENCE K. BRONSON** (DD 668) as Gunnery Officer from September, 1958, until July, 1959. He was then assigned to the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-TWO as Communications Officer from July, 1959, to July, 1960. He reported to Newport, Rhode Island, as Officer in Charge of the Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Communications School in August, 1960. In 1961, he assisted in the preparation of the curriculum for the U.S. Naval Destroyer School, and subsequently was a member of the original instructor staff of the school. In October, 1962, he reported for duty as Chief Staff Officer and Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY. He was a student at the American University, in Washington, D.C., from June, 1964, until September, 1965. He then served as Executive Officer, **USS JAMES C. OWENS** (DD776) until November, 1967. From December, 1967, until December, 1968, he was assigned as Executive Officer, U.S. Naval Support Facility, Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V." He was a student at the Armed Forces Staff College, in Norfolk, Virginia, from January, 1969, until June, 1969. He served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations from July, 1969, until May, 1972. He assumed command of the **USS HEPBURN** (DE 1055) on August 7, 1972.



CHANGE OF COMMAND







LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT J. DOLL U.S. NAVY

Lieutenant Commander Doll was born in Newark, New Jersey, on November 19, 1935. He graduated in June, 1958, from Montclair State Teachers College, Monclair, New Jersey. He attended the University of Maryland for one year and was employed as a Civilian Personnel Officer with the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Ships from July, 1959, to March, 1961.

In July, 1961, he was commissioned from the Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island. He reported to the **USS SHIELDS** (DD 596) in November, 1961. He served in various departments in the **SHIELDS** and finally as Weapons Officer. In January, 1966, he reported to the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado, California, where he assisted in the training of the first River Patrol Boat (pbr) units then

being formed. In May, 1966, he was assigned as Officer in Charge of the Naval Support Activity Detachment, Can Tho, Vietnam where he served for one year.

In July, 1967, Lieutenant Commander Doll reported to the **USS BRISTER** (DER 327) as Executive Officer. Upon the decommissioning of the **BRISTER** in September, 1968, he was ordered to the Bureau on Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C., where he served as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Director for Officer Distribution and as Aide Assignment Officer. In December, 1970, he was assigned as a student at the Indian National Defense Services Staff College, Wellington, India, for one year. In February, 1972, he reported for duty as Executive Officer of the **USS HEPBURN** (DE 1055).

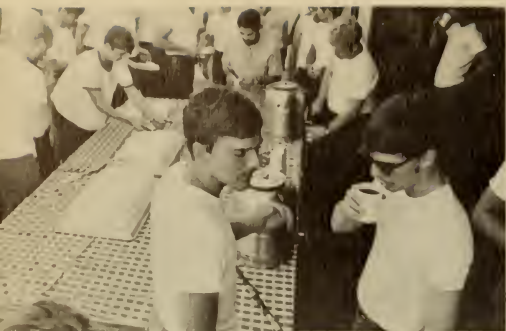




I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

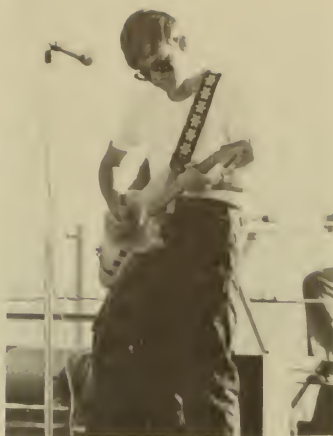






AND A
GOOD TIME
WAS HAD
BY ALL





Top left, "Shooter"; above, "Stan"; left, "Torch"; below left, "Doc"; below, Big Al."





FIRST STOP: HAWAII





Riding the surf at Waikiki.



USS ARIZONA Memorial honor roll.

HAWAII

A lovely hula girl.



Famous Waikiki sunset.





"Hmmm...should I get out of the Navy or get a new wet suit?"

"I'll put a 10 spot on STONER to show."



WEIGHT WATCHERS CLUB



"Mohammed Ali—Stand by!"



"Am I going to sleep well after this!!!"



A land of many contrasts...

THE PHILIPPINES



...of terraced mountain rice paddies...

...of Olongapo bars...



...and a small child's poverty.





SUBIC BAY -
A BIT SHOCKING
AT FIRST, BUT IT
GROWS ON YOU

Pauline's Pet





(Top photo) Mayon Volcano, Philippines.
(Bottom photo) Battery Hearn, largest gun on Corregidor.

THE PHILIPPINES

Olongapo jeepneys, a favorite mode of transportation.

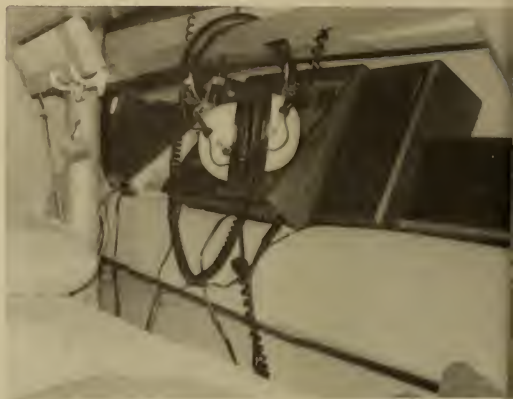


(Top photo) Philippine fighting cock
(Bottom photo) Curbside cookout in Olongapo

A BIG DAY IN SASEBO

In one day the crew of HEPBURN spent \$33,550 on foreign merchandise consisting almost exclusively of stereo equipment and dinnerware.

Home became a little more "homey"





THE PEACE STATUE

THE PEOPLE OF NAGASAKI BUILT THIS STATUE TO SYMBOLIZE AND APPEAL EVERLASTING WORLD PEACE IN AUGUST OF 1955, THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING WHICH CAUSED THE PEOPLE OF NAGASAKI TO EXPERIENCE THE UNFORGETTABLE TRAGEDY AND LOSE GREAT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE.

THIS TEN-METER-HIGH BRONZE STATUE WAS COMPLETED BY AUTHORITATIVE SCULPTOR MR. SEIBO KITAMURA THROUGH BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CONTRIBUTION.

THE RIGHT HAND POINTING TO THE SKY TELLS THE ATOMIC BOMB'S THREAT. THE LEFT ONE STRETCHING OUT HORIZONTAL SHOWS TRANQUIL PEACE. ITS SOLID BUILDING BODY IS THE DIGNITY OF GOD. THE GENTLE FACE IS THE SYMBOL OF DIVINE LOVE. THE FAST CLOSED EYES PRAY FOR THE REPRISE OF THE WAR VICTIMS' SOULS. WHILE THE FOLDED RIGHT LEG SHOWS MEDITATION OR QUIESCENCE AND BEND LEFT ONE SHOWS HELP OR MOVEMENT.

THIS IS THE UNPARALLELED MAJESTIC WORK OF ART IN THE WORLD IN ITS SCALE AND CONCEPTION.

NAGASAKI CITY

平和祈念像

この平和祈念像は史上最大の惨禍によって瞬時数多く同胞市民を失い、驚き、ついに博く悲慘苦に当面した長崎市民が世界恒久平和の実現を乞ふ世の祈り。この惨禍を再現せしめてはならないという切なる念願により世界恒久平和のシンボルとして昭和30年(1955年)8月の原爆10周年記念日に建立されたものであります。平和祈念像は国内はもとより海外からも拠出された浄財によって彫刻家の後藤北村西望氏の作によるもので全長10mの青銅男神像で上方も指さした右手は原爆脅威を示し、水平に伸べた左手はふりく垂れくると平和をすすめる姿であり、雄大な体軀は地り骨の神威を示し、柔和な顔は神の愛、人の慈悲を象徵し、又軽く閉じた目は戦争犠牲者の冥福を祈つての姿であります。なお、祈り曲げた右足は慈悲即ち静立った左足は救済即ち動、何れも神仏の特性を表現したものであり、本像はその規模において又その構想においてこの像彫刻としては世界に比するその顔を見る、雄大な芸術作品であります。

長崎市





The Kamakura Buddha, cast in 1252 A.D.



"Thieves Alley", Yokosuka



Snow-covered Mt. Fuji looms in the distance.

JAPAN

Market time—Oriental style.



Tokyo Extravaganza



LAND OF THE
RISING SUN





HONG KONG





Hong Kong at night, as viewed from Victoria Peak.

THE PEARL....

HONG KONG

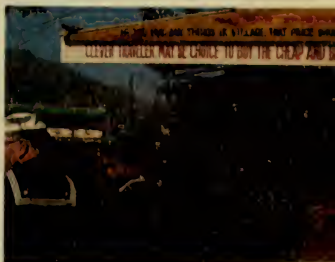
....OF THE ORIENT



Fishing junk



Hong Kong's aquatic suburbia.



Oriental sales pitch



Scenic ride up to Victoria Peak



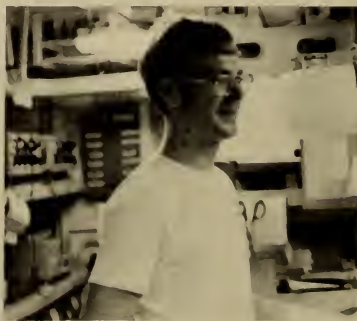
"Nothin' like good home cookin'."

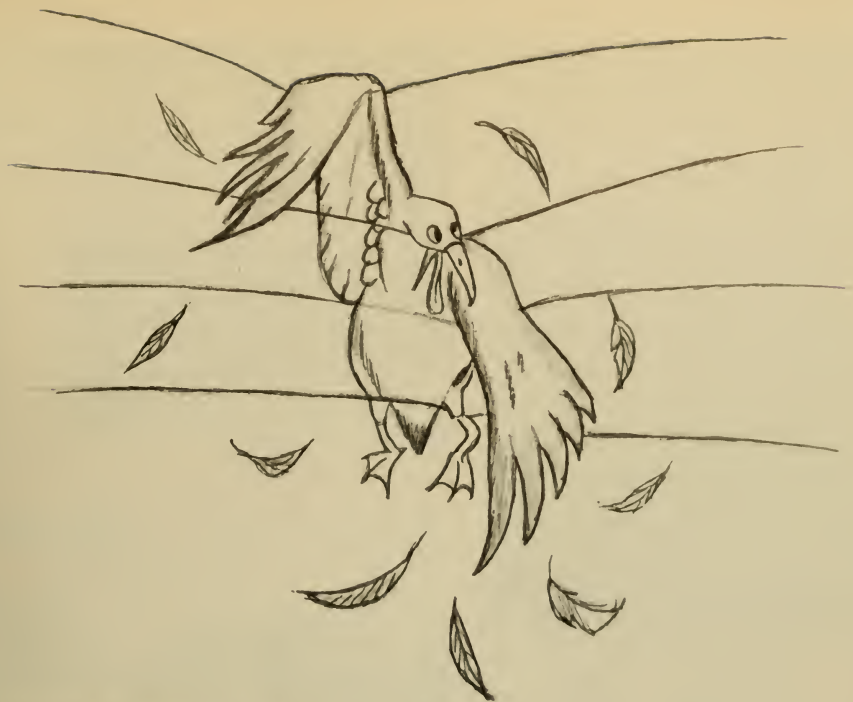
"The Hepburn's own space program."

"Caught in the act."



"If he had been pretty it wouldn't have been bad"





MIDWAY



COMING HOME - THE BEST PART OF THE CRUISE



The day long awaited - December 15, 1972

TO THE CREW OF THE HEPBURN

As this deployment drew to a close I believe all of us experienced a sense of satisfaction at having performed a difficult task well. Under Commander Sellers' leadership the **Hepburn** was trained to a fine degree and was prepared for deployment to the combat zone on short notice. The demands of operations in a wartime environment are heavy on both men and equipment but the ship's company responded with characteristic enthusiasm at every turn. I am proud to have commanded the **Hepburn** during some of her finest hours and to have served with all of you.

W. C. MANES
Commanding Officer

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Lt. P.S. Pierpont
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Ltjg. B.A.
McMunn
NAVIGATOR
Ltjg. S.D.
Sitler
CIC OFFICER
Ltjg. J.D.
Proffitt
COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICER



Ltjg. S.L. Reitz ELECTRONICS MAIN--
TENANCE OFFICER and Lt. Pierport



OC DIVISION

RMC Paul McCormick
SM1 Dave Mastrud
SM2 Ed Ritterhouse



RM2 Gordon Parker
SM3 Nick Becerra
SM3 Fred Terry



RM2 Bill Oliver
RM2 Ken Mitchell
RM2 Craig Runcie



RM2 Michael McDonald
SM3 Richard Long
RM3 Billy Westenhaver



SM1 Mastrud
SM2 Ritterhouse
and SMSN Williams
SM3 Roger Morris



SM3 Morris,
SM3 Becerra and SM3 Long
RM3 Charlie Johnson



RMSN William Bittenob

X DIVISION



QMC Norbert Woods
HMC Chanley
YNC Nowell Sage



PC3 Robert Jones
SN Chris Whitman
PN2 Don Walz



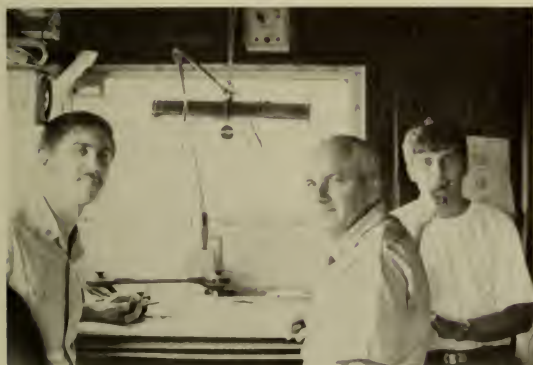
YN3 Robert Hammond
QM3 George Davis

"QM Gang"





YN3 Lee Luers
YN3 Kermit Schmidt
SN Chris Whitman



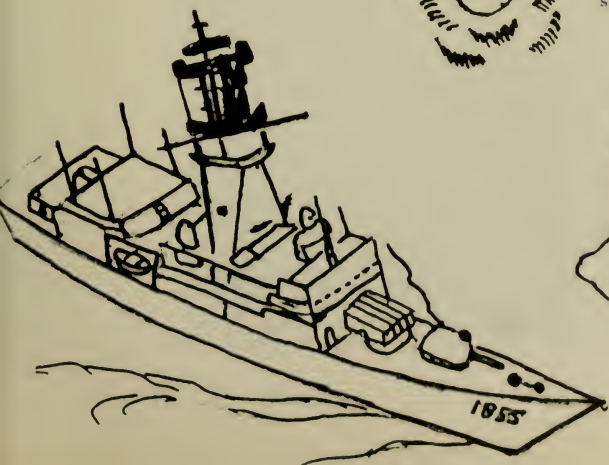
"Lost, Again!!"



"Yea, Don, I think I'll re-up"



"According to my calculations this should be Long Beach."



OI DIVISION

OSC Ernest Hiber
ETC Dennis Warner
EWC Richard Leach



ET1 Charles Howshall



“ET’S”



ETR2 Roy Durrenberg
ETN3 Marion Miller
ETN3 Noah Eastman



ETRSN Gary Henry
ETRSN George Jones



“RD’S”



OS2 James Trout
OS2 Stan Monusko
OS3 John Alldredge



OS3 Chris Meagher
OS3 Richard Rollf
OS3 John Klingler

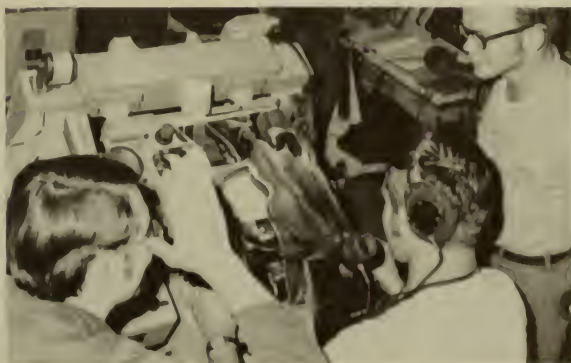




SN Charles Anderson
OSSN Wayne Houlihan
SN Bill Langerak



OSSN Joe MacKey



WEAPONS DEPARTMENT



Lt. Daniel Edwards
WEAPONS OFFICER



Ens. Richard Fuller
FIRST LIEUTENANT
CWO3 Eugene Thomas
AS DIVISION

Lt. Edwards and Lt. (jg) Murphy (ASW OFFICER)



FIRST DIVISION



BMC Allen Griep
BM1 Joel Laffon
SN Ken Eckert



SN Boyd Pasley
SN Gerald Hermes

Rank has its privileges



BM3 Ted Tucker



SN Rick Johnson
 SN Steve Reed
 SN Tony Green



SA Ed Zurcher
 SA Terry Fokken



BM3 Ted Tucker





SN Charles
Armitage
SN Mike Kelley
SN Pat Molloy



SA Delbert Jones
SA George
Atkinson
SR Mike Stearns

AS DIVISION



STC Grady
Morris
STC Richard
Campbell
ST1 Richard
Spann



ST1 Harry
Season
STG2 Kenneth
Wold
STG3 Mike
Kenney





Good-bye cruel world



STG3 Bill Sheahan
STG3 Bill Reeder
STG3 Larry Jones



STGSN Pat Vanhorn
STGSN Kenneth Fair
STGSN Carl Restoff

FOX DIVISION



FTCS George Lipsey
Lt. (jg) Charles Murphy
FOX DIVISION OFFICER



GMGC Larry Hale
TM2 Bob Stevens
FTG2 Jerry Shafer



GMG3 Douglas Ladwig and
IC3 Larry Williams





GMGSN Ronald Lee
GMGSN Rickey Larson
GMGSN Charles Neal



GMG3 Alfonso
Ford
GMG3 Robert Mohr
SN Robert
Etcheverry

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

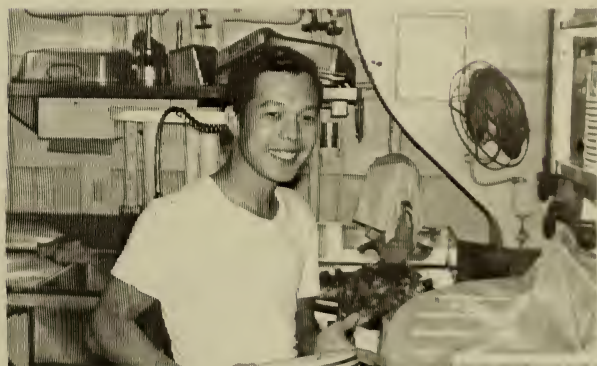


Lt. Timothy McKeithan
SUPPLY OFFICER



Lt. Roy Burgess
SUPPLY OFFICER
Lt (jg) Thomas Rackerby
DISBURSING OFFICER





SUPPLY DIVISION



SKC Ernest
Williams
SH1 Flemon
Harper
CS1 Henry
Cofield



SKC Bryan Piechota

CS1 Arthur Chaney



SK1 Kenneth Brenholt



SK2 Merion
Johnson
SH3 Todd Watkins
CS3 Kenneth
Arnce



CS2 Fred Freeman
SH2 Audillo Castillo

SK3 Elvon (Butch) Yager



SD2 Ely Pascual



DK2 Bruce Schoon

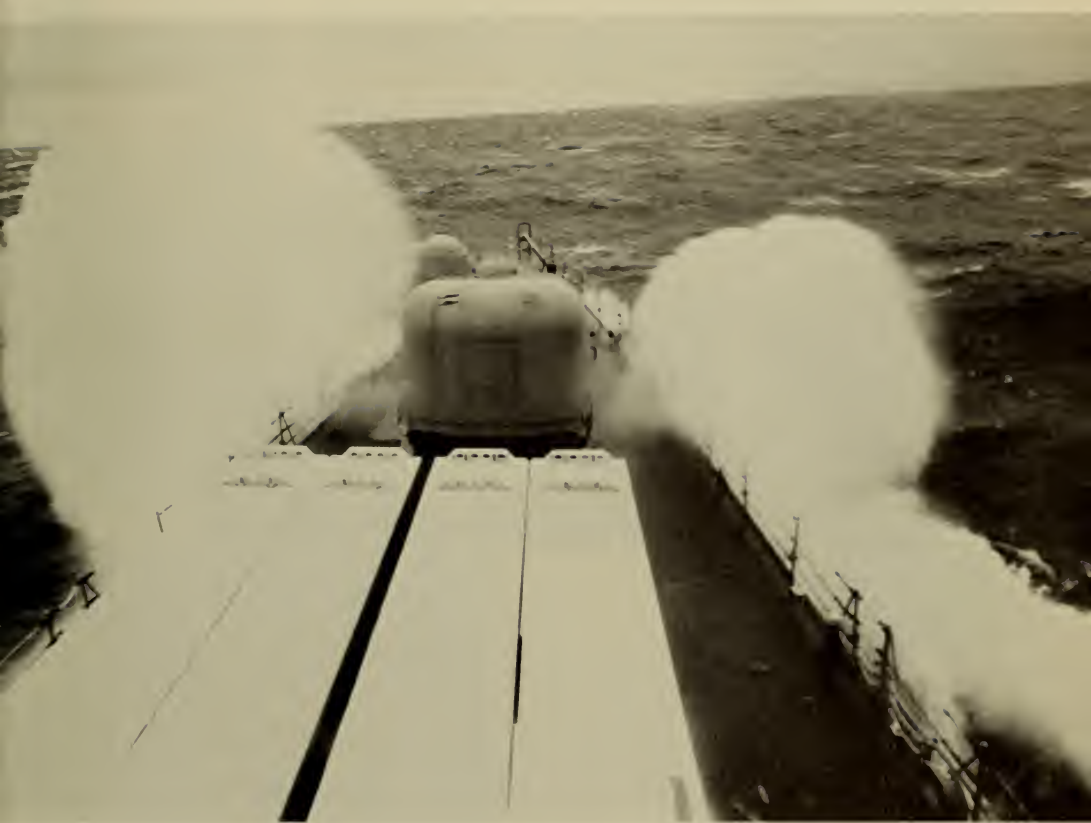


TN Bayani Ignacio
SKSN Phillip
Willis
SK3 John Rich



TN Alberto Siapno
SD3 Genero Sanchez





ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



LT. Edward Ham
ENGINEERING
OFFICER



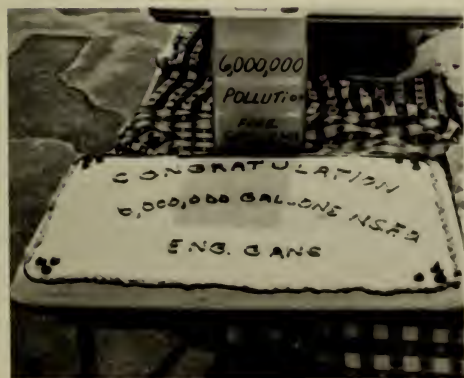
LT. Thomas Fahy
MAIN PROPULSION
ASSISTANT
LT (jg) Robert
Cowherd
DAMAGE CONTROL
ASSISTANT
ENS. Kevin
Kilgore



B DIVISION



BTC Sam E. Thomas
BT1 Eric Plocica
BT1 Larry Wolford



BT2 Richard
Gutierrez
BT2 Ray Naasko
BTFN Clyde
Searfoss



BT3 Williams
Jennings
FN Sherman
McGraw
BTFN John Bryde





BTFN Douglas Zak
BTFN Stuart
Cardott
BTFA Allen
Strassburg



BTFA Michael
Andis
BTFA Martin
Homard
BT3 Larry
Westbrook



BTFN Dwight Becker
BT3 James Shelton

R DIVISION

EM3 Narciso
Briones
EM2 Dean
Parrish
EM2 Ramon
Mendoza



FN Servando Gayya
FN Rolley Clapp



IC GANG



IC1 Ronald
Hanson
IC3 Robert
Prout
IC3 William
Baxter



IC3 Larry
Williams
EMFN Greg
Goettsch
FA Gary
Sanders



EMFN Charles Miser

HULL TECHS



HT1 James
Dorman
HT2 Richard
Jones
HT2 Kenneth
Stelken



MR3 Douglas Wood
HT3 James Shiffer



HT2 James Dixon





FA Johnnie
Moore
FN Marvin
Westlund
FN Andrew
Verba



FA Dick Stromback

FA James Christolear
HT3 James Heath



M DIVISION

MMCS Lawrence
Feddock
MM1 Arlan
Jarvis
MM2 Mark
McEvoy



MM2 Gary
Callaway
MM3 Roger
Campbell
FN Steven
Lindner



AUX I



MM2 Morrie Wiggs
MM1 Clyde Pickering



MM3 James Hegedty
MMFN Joey Rodgers



A GANG



MMC Robert
Boden
EN1 Ivor
Dickey
EN2 Boyd
Buzzard



MM3 Michael
Harley
MMFN Bruce
Field
EN3 James
Simpson





ENGINEERING
DEPT.

R. ANDERSON



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Balvino Irazarry, "I'm getting out!"





It's a tough life



Another boring watch





One must do with that which is available

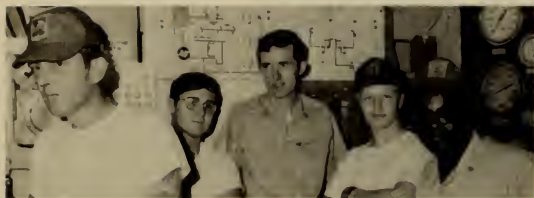
Do you see what I see?

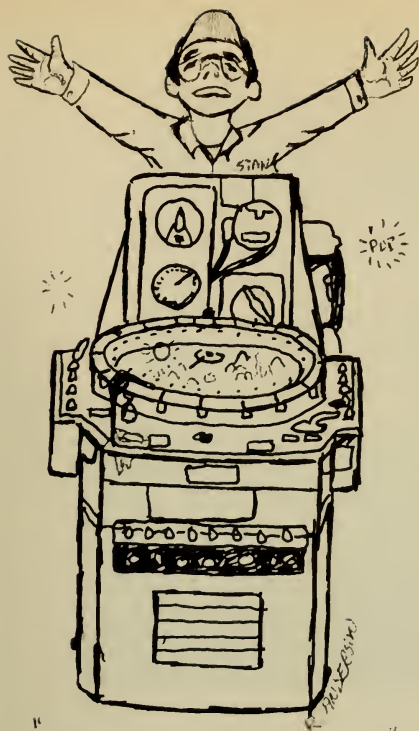






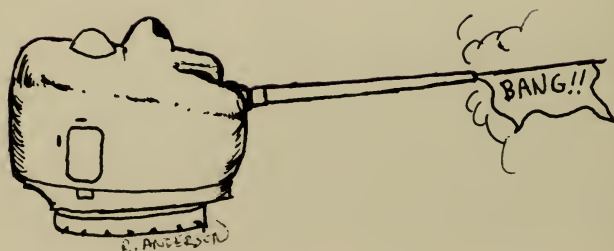
Good sends his respects. The captain of the deck reports the officer has been wound and compared to eight bells with permission on ring time.





"SPEAK ON GREAT ONE"





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